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January 2024, 1st Quarter Newsletter



Note from our President:

Time once again to get a start on the new year. Last year was busy with our many events and working to increase our membership of the chapter. We are already hard at work on our 2024 activities that we hope you enjoy and participate in. We encourage you to take part in all that we do.

Dave Stokes

Note from our Membership Director:

We have now begun to use Call Notes to inform our membership of upcoming events and other important information. You may have received a call regarding our upcoming Upland Game Hunt at 73 Pointer, in Jonesburg, Missouri on Saturday, January 27th. The number you will see when receiving calls is from Oklahoma (405) 754-2594. You may want to make a contact for this number so that when you see it pop up you will know it is from the Gateway SCI Chapter.

When talking to others about SCI and our local chapter, take time to let them know although the word Safari is in our name we are about much more than safaris. SCI's mission is to be the leader protecting the freedom to hunt and promoting sustainable use wildlife conservation worldwide. We promote hunting on all levels (local, state and international). You can be involved in major hunting activities or you can be involved in the local activities and still enjoy the events and comradary of our members. We all have experiences to share and learn from each other.

Currently our membership count is at 129. Our goal is 250 members or more. During our last event, Annual Holiday Party, we signed up 5 new members. Please welcome:

- 1. Brad Busson**
- 2. Harry Knollhoff**
- 3. John Muckerman**
- 4. Matthew Bennet**
- 5. Dennis Moore**

We encourage anyone interested in being part of the new membership committee to contact me at: tfwwtfprop@yahoo.com We could use your help.

Tom Williams

Below are the events we have planned for the first quarter of 2024; as well as the detailed information for the next few events.

January 27, 2024 (Saturday)	Upland Game Hunt – 73 Pointer Ranch, Jonesburg, MO
January 31 – February 3, 2024 (Wednesday – Saturday)	SCI National Convention – Nashville, TN
February 10, 2024 (Saturday)	Upland Game Hunt – Wilnor Outdoors
March 16, 2024 (Saturday)	19 th Annual Banquet/Auction – Doubletree - Chesterfield



Upland Bird Hunting



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Gateway Area Chapter of SCI

73 Pointers Ranch Upland Hunt

Saturday, January 27, 2024

73 Pointers Ranch, 105 Hwy NN, Jonesburg, MO 63351

The Gateway Area Chapter of SCI invites its members and guests to a fun day of upland game bird hunting at 73 Pointers Ranch in Jonesburg, Missouri. Birds, lunch, door prizes and a whole lot of fun will be included in the cost of the hunt.

You and your guests can select either a morning or afternoon hunt. Groups should be no more than 4-5 hunters. Arrive at 73 Pointers Ranch 30 minutes prior to your hunt start time.

Schedule:

Morning Group Hunt Starts: 830AM

Lunch: 1130AM-1230PM

Afternoon Group Hunt Starts: 100PM

Cost:

\$140/hunter includes birds, lunch and door prizes. Check or cash. Checks are made payable to: Gateway Area Chapter of Safari Club International.

If your group needs a guide and dog, that is a separate fee of \$100 per group. Tip your guide directly. If you wish to have your birds cleaned by club staff, that is a separate fee you pay directly to the club. \$2/bird for quail and chuckar and \$3 for pheasants.

Bird packages are either: 4-Pheasants, 6-Chuckar or 8-Quail.

***Each hunter in group can select from one of the three bird packages. i.e. Hunter's 1 and 2 each want 4 pheasants, Hunter 3 wants 6 chuckar and Hunter 4 wants 8 quail. That's 22 birds for that group.**

Each team captain must email Mark Johnson at MDJSportsman@gmail.com with name, email address, phone number and bird package for each hunter in their group. RSVPs with bird packages must be received no later than Friday, January 19th, 12PM. If inclement weather, Mark will email everyone no later than 630AM on Saturday morning.

Questions, call or email Mark Johnson at 314-737-8123 or MDJSportsman@gmail.com

SCI Nation Convention – Nashville, TN



There is still time to register for the 2024 SCI Annual Convention which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on January 31st – February 3rd, 2024. Since Nashville is an approximate 5-hour drive from St. Louis, you may want to share travel costs with another chapter member and start planning NOW!

Preferred Hotels can now be booked for the Convention. Visit www.safariclub.org

This past year's convention held in February 2023, had record attendance and received extremely encouraging feedback for the location and the venue. Nashville is a hunter-friendly destination that is within driving distance of 50% of the U.S. population.

Nashville is a family town providing other venues for the entire family such as trendy restaurants, hockey games and museums. If you are a country music fan there are plenty of venues throughout the city that can provide hours of enjoyment in addition to the convention, such as the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Grand Ole Opry, and tours of the Ryman to name a few.



Gateway Area Chapter of SCI
Wilnor Outdoors Annual Upland Hunt
Saturday, February 10th, 2024

Wil-Nor Outdoors-9298 State Road WW, Dittmer, MO 63023

The Gateway Area Chapter of SCI invites its members and guests to a fun day of upland game bird hunting at Wil-Nor Outdoors in Dittmer, Missouri. Birds, lunch, door prizes and a whole lot of fun will be included in the cost of the hunt.

You and your guests can select either a morning or afternoon hunt. Groups should be no more than 4-5 hunters. Arrive at Wil-Nor 30 minutes prior to your hunt start time.

Schedule:

Morning Group Hunt Starts: 830AM

Lunch: 1130AM-1230PM

Afternoon Group Hunt Starts: 100PM

Cost:

\$130/hunter includes birds, lunch and door prizes. Check or cash. Checks are made payable to: Gateway Area Chapter of Safari Club International.

If your group needs a guide and dog, that is a separate fee of \$65 per group of 1-2 hunters, \$100 for groups of 3 or more hunters. Tip your guide directly.

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OUR BIGGEST CHAPTER EVENT OF THE YEAR

19th Annual Gateway Area Chapter Banquet & Auction

March 16, 2024

Double Tree Hotel, Chesterfield, MO



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****Please join us for our biggest event of the year****

We are excited to once again present our 19th Annual Banquet and Auction. We have worked hard to line up auction and raffle items and games to share with you for a chance to gear up for your next adventure. Come meet others and share your experiences and get in on the fun.

Doors Open at 5 pm, Dinner/Program 7 pm, Live Auction 8 pm.

Sit-Down Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles and Games

Auction Items include: Hunts, Guns, Hunting apparel and accessories, Art Work and local entertainment packages to name a few.

Single Tickets: \$60.00

Table of (8): \$420.00

Visit GatewaySCI.org to order your tickets or call Dave Stokes @ 314-882-6199 See back for further ticket details

ABOUT OUR AUCTION

We hope you will join us this year for the 2024 Gateway Area SCI Chapter Banquet and Auction. Your ticket will provide you with dinner and a cash bar. Discounted hotel rooms are available. Please note that the money raised from our auction goes to support outdoor education, conservation and humanitarian initiatives along with local shoots and hunting events. We encourage you to come out and support these worthy causes.

Visit our website www.gatewaysci.org to purchase tickets online or contact Dave Stoke at 314-882-6199

4th Quarter Chapter Events – Recap

“2023 Holiday Party”

On December 5th, The Chapter hosted its Holiday Party at Syberg’s on Dorsett Road. We had a good turnout with 55 people joining us. In addition to the food and comradery, the chapter presented a check to Camp Hope from proceeds from our “Shoot for the Vet” event.

Our guest speaker was Taylor Stutzman, Missouri Conservation Agent. Taylor shared information on the Black Bear population in Missouri, Elk in Missouri, Feral Pig Problem, the fight to manage chronic wasting disease and Post-Season Targeted Removal. If you have questions that need to be answered you may contact Taylor at:



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Presentation to Roy Hunter of Camp Hope;
Check in the amount of \$3650 from our
“Shoot For The Vet” event.



Below is a "Thank You" the Chapter received from our donation to Camp Hope presented at our Annual Holiday Party.

CAMP HOPE

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December 14, 2023

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St. Louis, MO 63109-3715

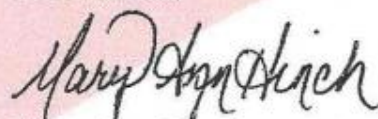
Dear Gateway Area Chapter Of,
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the countless volunteers that make up the Camp Hope Family, thank you for your generous donation of \$3,6500.00. Camp Hope is a living memorial to our fallen heroes, and that is the reason behind our mission, *to honor our fallen by helping our wounded*. Your support makes this possible!

Each year Camp Hope continues to advance its mission to help our Veterans. In 2007 we started with 170 acres of farm land with a double wide trailer. Today we own 250 acres, a 4,000 sq. ft. two-story lodge, five sleeping cabins, a state-of-the-art skeet range with eight wheel chair accessible firing positions, a 3D archery range with 20-wheel chair accessible stations., and a brand new 40 ft. x 80 ft. garage to house our fleet of all-terrain vehicles and tractors.

Of course, we're proud of the physical improvements we've made, but our payday comes when we hear back from a combat wounded veteran that recently visited, or when we hear from their loved ones. When they go out of their way to tell us that we made a difference in their lives, and in their recovery; we go to sleep those nights with huge smiles on our faces. Your gracious support makes moments like that possible!

Thanks again for your generous support of our efforts to give our Veterans hope.

Best Wishes,



Mary Ann Hinch
Treasurer



MDC sets deer and turkey hunting dates for upcoming seasons

Get more information at mdc.mo.gov and search by game species.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently set turkey and deer hunting dates for the 2024-2025 seasons. The hunting dates were approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its Dec. 8 open meeting in Jefferson City.

2024 Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Dates

- Spring Youth Portion: April 6-7
- Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 15 through May 5
- Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31

2024 – 2025 Archery Deer and Turkey Hunting Dates

- **Sept.15** through Nov. 15 and Nov. 27 through Jan. 15, 2025

2024 - 2025 Firearms Deer Hunting Dates

- Firearms Early Antlerless Portion: Oct. 11-13 (in open counties)
- Firearms Early Youth Portion: Nov. 2-3
- Firearms November Portion: Nov. 16-26
- Firearms CWD Portion: Nov. 27 – Dec. 1 (in open counties)
- Firearms Late Youth Portion: Nov. 29 – Dec. 1
- Firearms Late Antlerless Portion: Dec. 7-15 (in open counties)
- Firearms Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 28 - Jan. 7, 2025

Detailed information on the upcoming seasons and portions will be included in the MDC *2024 Spring Turkey Hunting and Regulations* booklet and the MDC *2024 Fall Deer & Turkey Regulations and Information* booklet, available closer to the seasons. The booklets will be available where permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov.

MDC changes turkey regulations for spring hunting and proposes changes for fall hunting

Changes include new all-day spring shooting hours on private land and proposed changes for fall archery and firearms hunting.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces changes to turkey hunting regulations for the spring season and has proposed regulation changes for the fall seasons. The Missouri Conservation Commission approved the changes for the spring season at its Dec. 8 open meeting in Jefferson City and also gave initial approval on proposed regulation changes to fall turkey hunting.

Spring shooting hours for private land only will be extended from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. Shooting hours on public land will remain a half-hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. These changes will be effective for the Spring 2024 turkey season.

Proposed changes to fall turkey hunting would require both fall firearms turkey hunters and fall archery turkey hunters to purchase a fall turkey-hunting permit. Turkeys would no longer be included in the archery-deer permit. The bag limit would be reduced from four to two birds. These proposed changes will be open for public comment from Feb. 2 through March 2, 2024, under Public Commenting Opportunities at mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/public-commenting-opportunities.

According to MDC, the primary motivation for the regulation changes is to increase opportunities during the spring season for youth hunters and hunters who work during the day and to reduce the fall harvest while maintaining as much opportunity for hunters as possible.

MDC noted that 93% of land in Missouri is privately owned and 88% of Missouri's annual spring turkey harvest is done on private land. MDC added that maintaining shooting hours ending at 1 p.m. on conservation areas and other public lands would continue to support multiple afternoon activities by a variety of users on these areas.

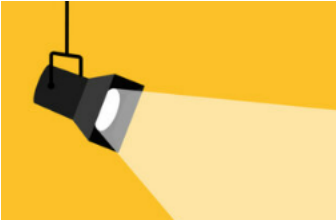
“Hunter participation and recruitment has been on the decline in Missouri for several years,” said MDC Turkey Biologist Nick Oakley. “When surveyed on why hunters aren't participating, the most common answer is that school or work interferes with getting out into the field. By extending shooting hours, a barrier to participation will be removed for those unable to hunt during the morning.”

Oakley added that the 1 p.m. closure during the spring season was originally seen decades ago as a way to help Missouri's turkey population rebound from a few thousand birds to the several hundred thousand wild turkeys we have today.

"Almost every other state in the Midwest and Southeast moved away from an early afternoon closing time after their turkey populations were restored," Oakley said. "Those states have seen increases in hunter participation, sustainable increases in harvest, and stable hunter satisfaction after moving to an all-day season."

The current fall turkey season allows hunters to harvest up to four birds of either sex without a beard requirement. The proposed changes will reduce the number to two birds of either sex.

"While hen harvest is contentious in Missouri, our hen-harvest-rate is low enough that it is not having a negative impact on turkey numbers on a statewide scale," Oakley explained "That said, at the property level, hen harvest may have some impact on future production."



Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members –

Director, Anthony Thebeau.



I was born in the St. Louis area and currently reside in Barnhart, MO with my wife and two children. My outdoor experience started with fishing in the Joachim Creek, initially with my father and later with friends. This led to exploring other local rivers and creeks nearby. As far as hunting, it started with mostly squirrels on my grandpa's farm and a few deer camps with a friend. My first gun was a single shot 20 gauge; which I still have and have now passed on to my son.

My passion for Big Game hunting started after basketball and college ended. I was longing for something more. An understanding where food comes from, the DIY attitude, and the idea of an adventure were all factors that played a part in this obsession. Now it seems most of my free time is consumed with thinking about hunting and fishing.

My biggest passion is bow hunting for whitetail deer, followed by upland hunting with my GSP and most recently taking a dabble in long range shooting. I had the grateful opportunity of harvesting many whitetail deer, black bears, wild boars, turkeys, pheasants, quail, dove, chucker, snow geese, gray franklins, squirrels, red deer, pronghorn, nilgai, kudu, warthogs, zebras, blue wildebeests, black wildebeest, red hartebeest, impalas, gemsbok, red lechwes, cape buffalo, blesboks, fallow deer, springbok, and dall sheep.

My next hunting adventure is planned for Eswatini, Africa in June of 24 during the Kudu rut. I will be also looking for Waterbok, Nyala, Eland, and Bushbok. Some future hunts include traveling to Argentina for dove, Red stag, and blackbuck hunting and then Greenland for Muskox. Outside of mule deer and pronghorn, I have not had the opportunity to hunt the western United States but have been building points in many areas for elk and mule deer. Sheep hunting may be more than the budget will allow.

Membership Activity

Hunts Upcoming or Past - - “Connect with Others”

This past October my wife Elaine and I went on a hunting trip in Engle, New Mexico. We were in search of a bull oryx. On Monday morning we met with our Guide Mike and began to spot and stalk the herd of oryx. It wasn't long before we spotted a few oryx, however they were too far away for a shot.

The ranch we were hunting on was 365,000 acres so we had plenty of area to cover. At 10:30 I spotted a mature bull, and we harvested him shortly after. We had a fantastic time during our hunt in New Mexico.



I also pulled a tag for mule deer in Colorado and I guided for my son-in-law Ryan. We hunted on public land and the mountains in Colorado are steep and difficult to maneuver. We hunted from sunrise to sun set for 3 full days; on the first day we saw more hunters than deer. Opening day was during the weekend, we expected to see more hunters early in the hunt.

On the third day of our hunt, we located several mule deer. We put together a plan for the fourth day and at 9:00 A.M. he harvested his first Colorado mule deer from 245 yards. He was excited and so was I. It took us 3 and a half hours to pack our deer out. Truly the most challenging hunt of my life.

Tom Williams



Alaskan Brown Bear Hunting – Submitted by: Dale Roethemeyer

Growing up with both sets of my grandparents on farms in mid Missouri, I was exposed to the outdoors at a young age. At 10 years old I was trailing behind my father and an English Setter hunting quail in Gasconade County. As I grew older, I was always fascinated by big game hunting especially for brown bears. Every full body mount I saw I was impressed with the sheer size of such an animal.

Looking to make this adventure come true I leaned to Nathan Askew with Bullet Safaris who has handled my previous African Adventures. I met Nathan at the Gateway Chapter Banquet in 2016. Brown Bears on the Peninsula are hunted in the fall on odd years and in the spring -on even years. Nathan personally took this same hunt on the Alaskan Peninsula himself in October of 2019

In January 2020 I made the deposit for a Brown Bear Hunt out of Port Heiden Alaska – date October 7, 2023. The preparation and anticipation for the experience was exciting. A definite face lift was needed on the required gear. Overall weight being a concern due to the charter and bush flights required to get into the tundra. Physical training was on stair master because of the wet and marshy areas we would be hunting while wearing waders all day.

My departure from St Louis was on Tuesday, October 3 to Anchorage. Wednesday morning continued on a Charter Flight from Lake Clark Air at Merrill Field to Port Heiden, Alaska. Upon landing at Port Heiden, I was greeted by Loren as we drove to a base camp to meet to meet Master Guide Dan Montgomery with Alaska Trophy Adventures. A comfortable cabin with 5 other hunters with a personal wheeled aircraft in the front yard was waiting. These folks use airplanes like we use automobiles. In Port Heiden all supplies are flown in with a barge coming into port twice a year.

Dan runs his bear camps with two hunters and one guide. He has found out through experience getting two hunters in camp same day increases harvest success. With hunters usually filling their tags in the first couple of days. This approach reduces air traffic of coming and going in and out of camps. The local bears do sense the increased air traffic noise. In Alaska it is a law that you are unable to hunt the day a hunter flies into camp. I lost the flip on who would shoot first on opening day, Saturday October 7th. The experience was on!

On Friday morning Dan and I loaded up at daybreak and we drove to the float plane which was secured on a nearby lake. On arrival to the airplane, we loaded my gear; I watched Dan pump the water out of the floats, check the gas in the wings for no moisture and I was asked to get in and put on the headphones. Wow! I now know why

weight, using only soft gun cases and baggage size is critical. Since this was the first flight of the day, we circled around on the lake several times to warm up the engine. Dan put the plane in full throttle, and we smoothly lifted off the lake. The flight was spectacular, the area is flat, littered with small lakes within the tundra landscape. After a 35-minute flight we landed on a lake which along the shore would be our three-tent camp to hike from to hunt peninsula brown bears. Dan unloaded the aircraft and left to pick up our Guide, Michael Gray and the other hunter. I was totally absorbed by the remoteness of the tundra.

The three of us set up the tents and organized our gear after discussing the opening day weather forecast. At 2:00 Friday afternoon while scouting from our camp we could see a herd of Caribou. The vastness of the tundra was remarkable. After a great dinner we retired for bed with the forecast indicating no rain for the next several days. Good merino wool gear across the board is essential; but excellent rain gear is a must. I would be wearing Simms Chest Waders with the G3 Guide Boots each day.

On day 1 before light, we had breakfast and set out on our pre-dawn hike to the lookout point to watch a zig zag river tributary containing salmon. More obvious on the flight in, a person could see the shorelines along the rivers stomped down from bear traffic. A good sign. The tundra looks appealing but, hiking with gear is a different story. It is not level with constant depressions and a wet spongy feel to walk on.

Taking the wind into consideration we made it to our lookout point before daybreak. The three of us unrolled our sitting pads to watch and glass. It was a good day. A drizzle came in and Michael built a lean too for the three of us. A jet boil of coffee made the morning perfect. By 4:00 that first day we saw three 8 foot bears (one right below us on the riverbank less than 125 yards) a 9-foot 3 boar and by 5:50 pm a 9-foot 5 bear was down taken at 150 yards. Now the work began. Caping out the bear and packing it up got us back at the camp at 12:30 that night. A quick dinner and the three of us went to bed with a rain shower off and on throughout the night.

The morning of the second day required some coordination and effort to fly out the first bear cape. We were at our lookout by noon on Day 2. Remarkably we just sat down and at 12:30 a bear came down off the tundra hillside. Michael said it was a boar, but he would not break 9 feet. It came right up to and sniffed the carcass from the preceding day. Fortunately, the rain throughout the night diluted our scent we had in the entire caping area the evening before. The weather today was good and clear skies, Michael said that this being only the second day I should consider passing on this boar. My personal goal was a boar over 9 foot.

Our glassing points each day was on the side of a tundra mini mountain to break the wind. We were able to see bears with the normal eye at 600 plus yards. Once you threw up a pair of binoculars the bears look like rolling bull dozers. Day three found us at the glassing point at daybreak. Wind was up which made the air much cooler.

Michael and I were able to locate an area with a wind break and settled in one of the tundra depressions. Being able to sit on a sitting pad made the day comfortable. No rain in the forecast but the overcast gave a damp chilly feel. Having Outdoor Research mitten covers was a life saver. Each time you touch the tundra moss it is wet and drying out gear or gloves can be difficult.

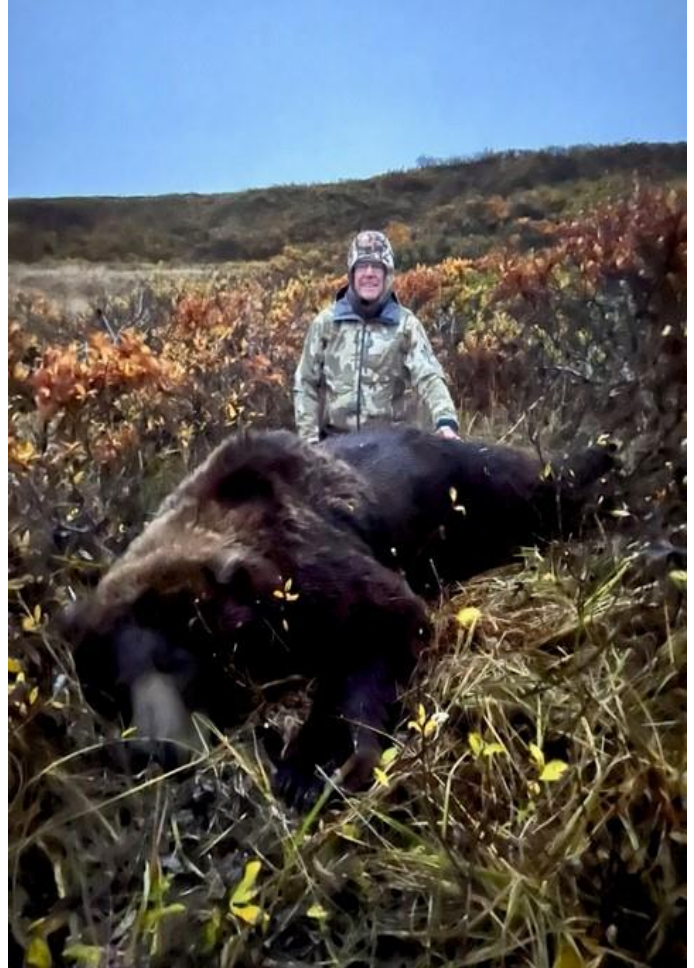
By 10:00 we saw a sow and two cubs way off, 1000 yards plus working their way down to the stream. Oddly she never made it to the stream, she turned and went back the way she came. By 2:00 another sow over 600 yards on the opposite side of the stream was working her way down and she too turned and decided not to fish in the water. We were watching wildlife seeing foxes, caribou, and eagles. One caribou came in within 30 yards to Michael waving his spotting scope tripod upside down to look like a bull caribou. The bear carcass from the opening day was not yet fed on by any predators including eagles. Brown bear is the only species The Alaska Game and Fish does not require the meat to be hauled out due to their foul taste from eating so many fish.

It was getting close to dusk, and I decided to strap my rifle on my backpack instead of doing in the dark in preparation of the hike back. At 7:30 pm Michael shouted out there is your bear. He was at 1000 yards, he just emerged from the alders and was in the open. Glassing through the spotting scope Mike felt confident. Mike said grab your gun and leave your pack. Probably a wise suggestion knowing the terrain we had to cover. We closed the gap of 500 yards and the bear made its way another 500 yards to us. We were on a knoll overlooking the stream and Mike said it will be quick and he is close. He threw down his Frontier Gear Alaskan pack as a gun rest. I got prone and Michael said let the boar cross the stream and he will make him stop with a predator call. No need for a call as our boar crossed the stream. There he was the bear looked straight up at us on top of the knoll at 75 yards. I placed the crosshairs of my 300 Weatherby Mark V in the center of his chest. A personal handload for 40 years using 75 grains of 4350 and 180 grain Nosler Partition did the duty. Mike said all four of his feet gave way and he immediately turned into the alders. After about 30 yards in the alders, he was on his side for a second secure round. He had a nice coat coming in at 9 foot 2 inches.

It all made sense now why the sows did not go all the way into the alders next to the stream. Our boar was bedded in there during the day. It is known that a boar will kill and eat cubs. Both sows took the least path of resistance.

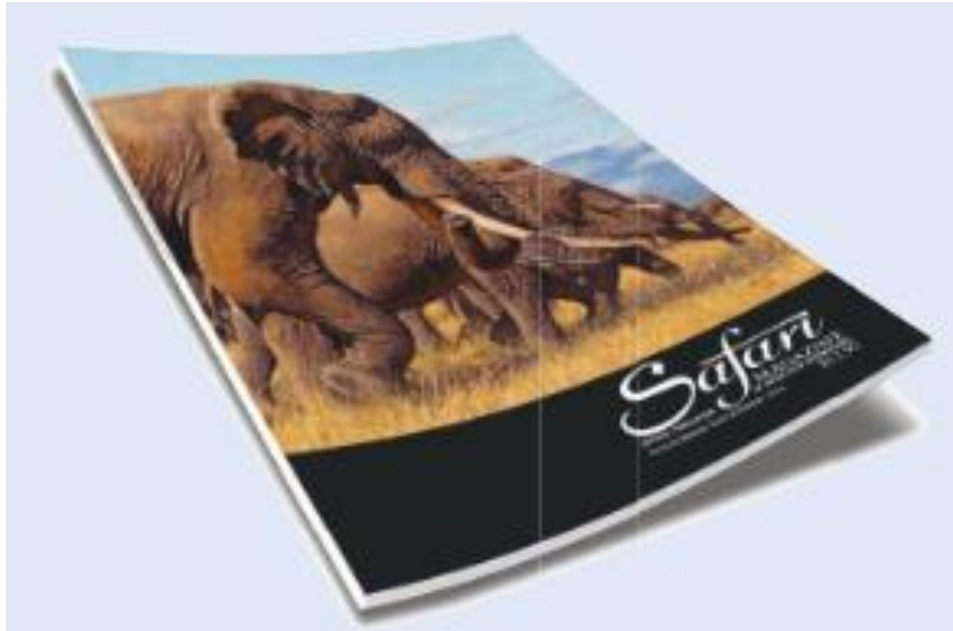
Now the work began. 2 hours and 20 minutes later we had the bear caped out and Mike loaded the hide and skull into his Alaskan pack. Enough said there. Tough!! We had to pick up my pack on the way out and head back to camp. I am 64 years old, and I was thinking that I was physically suited for this trip. I did a Stairmaster but did not push myself enough. I was consistently 40 -50 yards behind 24-year-old Michael and

the other hunter the first two days out. I was searching for air, and we were only 500 feet above sea level!! We arrived back to the tents at 1:30 in the morning. Did that cot and sleeping bag feel good that night. It was an extraordinary adventure. I lost my best companion and hunting partner July of 2022 at 95 years old. But Dad was with me on every step back in the back country tundra coaching me on.





See Your Adventure in *SAFARI* Magazine



SAFARI Magazine, the official publication of Safari Club International, is accepting stories written by members to be published in future issues. Whether you were in Alabama, Alaska or Africa – write about anything that you think other hunters would like to see. How did you achieve success despite obstacles? What are some things you learned on your journey or your outing? Anything dangerous, intriguing or amusing happen along the way?

Editors will read them all and will publish those that meet the criteria. Authors of accepted articles will receive an honorarium payment for their time and effort.

Increase your chances of being published by writing the story in an MS Word document attaching a good selection of photos from your hunt and putting the words “Member Hunts” in the subject line of your email. Stories should be no fewer than 800 words and no more than 2,500. You can check our Writers’ Guidelines at safariclub.org/writers-guidelines for more direction.

Write out your experience so your buddies, children, grandchildren and SCI members can read all about it in the pages of *SAFARI* Magazine for year to come.

Email photos and text to jgeiger@scifirstforhunters.org



Recipes

Pheasant Pate

(2) Pheasants cooked – mince fine in food processor
2 eggs – Hard cooked – processed
1 tab onion
½ cup butter (melted)
½ cup sour cream
Salt & pepper to taste
Mix well – refrigerate

Submitted by: Mark and Lisa Johnson



Business Meeting

Our Gateway Chapter Board appreciates your support this last year. We are constantly working on new ways to enhance our chapter and draw new members. We would encourage you to share any ideas you have to make us better. Whatever ideas you may have may be what others are thinking as well. The more input we gather the better we can serve our members. You may contact us via our website GatewaySCI.org or directly email us at: gateway@gatewaysci.org